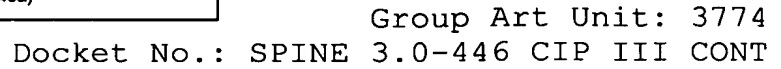


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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 10, 2008, finally rejecting claims 13-16, 18, 20, 21 and 23-35, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: